From: Assunto, Carmen
To: Ruhl, Christopher

Cc:Gray, David; Enders, JhanaSubject:Re: question desk statement?

Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 1:33:45 PM

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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On Jan 4, 2017, at 1:33 PM, Ruhl, Christopher < Ruhl. Christopher@epa.gov > wrote:

I agree.

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From: Assunto, Carmen

Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:30 PM

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Subject: question desk statement?

I understand from the City (Jesse Patton) there never were evacuations other than the residence. Should we take off this last sentence? Thank you. Carmen EPA is working closely with local authorities, the TCEQ, TDA, and local and state emergency response personnel. The media contact for the unified command is: Jesse Patton with the City of Amarillo <u>806-378-5219</u>.

The TCEQ is overseeing cleanup of the site. At this time, TCEQ's contractor is conducting a site assessment and will conduct the cleanup once the best method is determined. The Texas Department of Agriculture has jurisdiction over the proper use of pesticides and is conducting an investigation.

Residents should follow local announcements regarding evacuations.

Sincerely,

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